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The applicants respectfully request that the references cited in a Written Opinion recently issued by the United States Patent Office acting as the IPEA in applicants' counterpart PCT patent application be considered in the examination of the above-identified application. The mailing date of the Written Opinion is January 22, 2002, and this Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of that date. Additionally, this communication was not received by any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this Disclosure Statement.

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